CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	horse.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	0901026.000
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	The District Court at Manukau
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	18 August 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality.

The image depicts a sexual act involving a woman and a horse. The material has no other purpose than the sexual titillation and arousal of viewers. The depiction of sexual conduct with an animal as a pleasurable form of activity breaks down the taboos that surround such acts and encourages experimentation by making bestiality seem both possible and desirable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.